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RENDITIONS TALKING POINTS

- The United States and many other governments are engaged in a difficult struggle against a ruthless enemy, transnational terrorists.
- All governments have a responsibility to protect their citizens from harm. The United States works cooperatively with countries around the world to achieve this objective.
- We are working together closely with allies and partners in Europe and globally to protect our citizens against a vicious terrorist adversary.
- The war on terrorism sometimes involves the capture, detention and questioning of terrorists. We must question them to gather potentially significant, life-saving intelligence.
- Our law enforcement and intelligence cooperation has resulted in foiling a number of deadly plots against cities and citizens in Europe and elsewhere.
- As Secretary Rice and CIA Director Goss have recently stated, U.S. intelligence agencies have handled the gathering of intelligence from a very small number of extremely dangerous detainees, including individuals who planned the 9/11 attacks.
- United States policy is that this questioning is to be conducted within U.S. law and treaty obligations, without using torture.
- We will not confirm or deny specific intelligence activities; we cannot discuss information that could compromise the success of intelligence, law enforcement, and military operations.
- No one should be surprised that intelligence agencies, both in America and around the world, engage in intelligence gathering activities.
- With respect to detainees, the United States government complies with its Constitution, its laws and its treaty obligations. The United States does not commit, authorize, or condone torture.
- Where there have been cases of unlawful treatment of detainees, the U.S. has vigorously investigated and, where appropriate, prosecuted and punished those responsible.
- The United States does not transport detainees from one country to another for the purpose of interrogation by torture and has not used the airspace or airports of any

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country for the purpose of transporting a detainee to a country where he will be tortured.

- The United States has not transported anyone, and will not transport anyone, to a country when we believe he will be tortured. Where appropriate, the United States seeks assurances that transferred persons will not be tortured.
- In conducting renditions, this Administration has respected and will continue to respect the sovereignty of other countries.